

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
TYLER DIVISION

WILLIAM FLETCHER	§	
v.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 6:17cv24
J. BROCK, ET AL.	§	

MEMORANDUM ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
AND ENTERING FINAL JUDGMENT

The Plaintiff William Fletcher, a former inmate of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Correctional Institutions Division, filed this civil rights lawsuit under 42 U.S.C. §1983 complaining of alleged violations of his constitutional rights. This Court referred the case to the United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §636(b)(1) and (3) and the Amended Order for the Adoption of Local Rules for the Assignment of Duties to United States Magistrate Judges.

On August 25, 2017, the Magistrate Judge issued a Report recommending that the motion to dismiss filed by one Defendant, Warden Bowman, be granted. A copy of the Report was sent to Fletcher at his last known address but was returned as undeliverable because Fletcher had been released from prison. To date, Fletcher has not notified the Court of his present mailing address or current whereabouts.

On November 6, 2017, the Magistrate Judge issued a Report recommending that the lawsuit be dismissed without prejudice for failure to prosecute or to obey an order of the Court. The Magistrate Judge observed that the lawsuit form filed by Fletcher contains a declaration acknowledging that Fletcher understands it is his responsibility to keep the Court informed of his current mailing address and that failure to do so could lead to dismissal of the case. The Magistrate Judge also recommended that the statute of limitations be suspended for 60 days following the date of entry of final judgment.

A copy of the Magistrate Judge's Report was sent to Fletcher at his last known address, return receipt requested, but no objections have been received; accordingly, Fletcher is barred from *de novo* review by the District Judge of those findings, conclusions, and recommendations and, except upon grounds of plain error, from appellate review of the unobjected-to factual findings and legal conclusions accepted and adopted by the District Court. *Douglass v. United Services Automobile Association*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1430 (5th Cir. 1996) (*en banc*).

The Court has reviewed the pleadings in this cause and the Report of the Magistrate Judge. Upon such review, the Court has determined that the Report of the Magistrate Judge is correct. *See United States v. Wilson*, 864 F.2d 1219, 1221 (5th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 492 U.S. 918, 109 S.Ct. 3243 (1989) (where no objections to a Magistrate Judge's Report are filed, the standard of review is "clearly erroneous, abuse of discretion and contrary to law.") It is accordingly

ORDERED that the Report of the Magistrate Judge (docket no. 31) is **ADOPTED** as the opinion of the District Court. It is further

ORDERED that the above-styled civil action is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** for failure to prosecute or to obey an order of the Court. It is further

ORDERED that the statute of limitations on the claims raised in this lawsuit is **SUSPENDED** for a period of sixty (60) days following the date of entry of final judgment in this case. This suspension of the limitation period affects only those claims which were not barred by limitations as of the date the original complaint was signed, on January 7, 2017. Finally, it is

ORDERED that any and all motions which may be pending in this action are hereby **DENIED**.

So Ordered and Signed

Jan 25, 2018



Ron Clark, United States District Judge